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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
  
DANILO PORRO ET AL.  
  
Serial No.: 10/068,137  
  
Filed: February 6, 2002  
  
For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC  
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED  
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE  
DEHYDROGENASE (Formerly: YEAST  
STRAINS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
LACTIC ACID)

Confirmation No.: 8385  
  
Group Art Unit: 1652  
  
Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr  
  
Attorney Docket: 2027.547096/RFE  
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CUSTOMER NO. 23720

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED DECEMBER 30, 2003**

MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is March 30, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.547096RFE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.